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To: JudTestimony
Subject: In regards to S.B. 16

Hello, I am emailing you in regards to proposed legislation S.B.16 because I believe this to be an erosion of our constitutional right to self defense. I'm particular, I am worried most about the sections that would ban the legal carry of firearms for self defense on public transportation and at or near protests or demonstrations.

The ban on the carry on public transportation would unfairly restrict the ability of the poor and working classes, those that are least likely or able to afford personal vehicles, the ability to defend themselves. These are economic classes that, ironically, are the most likely to be in a situation requiring self defense, and least likely to be able to depend on law enforcement for that defense.

The ban on carry at or near protests or demonstrations would create a situation where our constitutional rights are mutually exclusive, where you cannot exercise the right to peaceably assemble and the right to keep and bear arms simultaneously. The need to carry in these situations has been highlighted most recently I'm Washington state where and armed citizen was able to stop a potential mass shooter at an otherwise peaceful protest.

These laws would only effect those that intend who intend to follow them and leave them at the mercy of those that intend not to follow them. I urge you not to pass S.B.16 as it will needlessly and dangerously restrict out constitutionally protected human right to defend one's self, loved ones, friends, neighbors, and community.

Respectfully,
Byron Hughes